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HOW MUCH IS THE WATER PLANT WORTH?

Last week the News promised to discuss the feasibility of municipalizing the Williams public utilities, by purchasing the property of the Williams Water & Electric Co. will be understood, tho it was not so stated.

In discussing the purchase question the News desires only to see, if a basis may be found for friendly negotiations between the Town and the Water and Electric company. While the company is not seeking to sell its property, as far as the News knows, it has offered to sell. While the Town is making no considerable effort to buy the company's property, the News assumes that it would buy, if it could do so on terms satisfactory to the people of Williams. Below is presented a discussion of price, reduced to mathematical terms, which is offered as tentative, merely, for at least one of the factors involved is subject to modification. The discussion of price will center largely on these factors.

The News accepts the income figures of the Water & Electric Co. The net income of \$14,000 must be depended on to meet the expense of purchase, of interest on bonds, of replacement and to make up to the Town the loss of taxes. The News assumes an issue of 30 year 5 per cent bonds with which to make the purchase, which the Water & Electric Co. has offered to accept in payment for their property.

The News assumes that, if the funds set aside annually to create a sinking fund with which to pay off the bonds at the end of 30 years are invested judiciously as they accumulate, 3 per cent of the purchase price will be sufficient for this purpose.

The News assumes that 2 per cent of the purchase price, set aside each year and used when needed, will provide for the deterioration of the property and constitute a replacement fund. This fund is necessary to make ownership safe.

In purchasing the property of the Water & Electric company, Williams would lose annually about \$1,000 in taxes.

Now arranging these factors in a mathematical formula, an equation with a single unknown quantity, the tentative price Williams can afford to pay, represented by x in the equation, there appears the following expression:

$$\frac{5x}{100} + \frac{3x}{100} + \frac{2x}{100} - \text{plus } 1000 = 14,000$$

The solution of this simple equation gives \$130,000, which under assumption that the factors are correct, is the price which the Town of Williams could afford to pay for the property of the Williams Water & Electric Co. At this price the purchase would be feasible, the consumers of water and electric current footing the bill.

Were Williams to municipalize her public utilities, the Town would have to increase the capacity of the reservoir in the canyon to a supply of water adequate for any emergency.

The water and electric rates of Williams are high. They would have to remain about where they are for the present, probably, but with consumption increased, it should be possible to lower them later.

Mr. Hughes says he did not want the nomination. Tell it to the marines! The presidential bee had been buzzing in Mr. Hughes' bonnet for, lo these many months.

BOYS SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST CLOSED

The Boys Subscription Contest closed on schedule last Saturday morning and the prizes were awarded. The final score stood as follows:

Eugene Smith	3800
Allen Montgomery	3275
Jerry Duffield	3250
Raymond Haynes	2400
James Callan	2150
Glenn Moore	1250
Oscar Tyler	1200

The closing hours of the contest were quite exciting. During the two or three hours before 9 o'clock the boys were pretty busy working for new subs or collecting from present subscribers. The points of several boys rose rapidly. Allen Montgomery and Jerry Duffield added 1000 to Friday's record.

The most consistent worker throughout the contest was Eugene Smith. Starting two weeks behind he gradually gained on his competitors and passed each in turn and gained first place at the end of the eighth week and held it until the end.

The boys were all well pleased with their prizes and the News was well pleased, too. The boys added 40 new subscribers to the News sub's, besides collecting a considerable sum from old subscribers.

An Oregon Professor in Town

Prof. Grant Dubach of the Oregon Agricultural College with his wife and infant daughter, visited with the F. M. Gold family last Friday and again Sunday of this week. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Dubach spent seeing the canyon. They left for the east Sunday evening.

Professor Dubach is professor of economics at the Agricultural College. He is a young man with broad views and he will do much to make the department of Economics very attractive to young men and women of Oregon who are interested in the politico-social development of our country.

Mrs. K. Robinson and daughter Margery of Flagstaff visited with friends in Williams the latter part of last week and the first part of this, returning to Flagstaff Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and daughter Frances of Pittman Valley entertained a crowd of young people from Williams and the Valley at the Stevens ranch last Sunday. The young people report a very enjoyable time and they are unanimous in the opinion that the Stevenses are admirable entertainers.

Dr. Jeffries On Vacation

Dr. Jeffries with his family left town Tuesday for a few days outing at Oak Creek. They took the train to Flagstaff and motored from there to the Creek. This is the first vacation the Dr. has had for three years. He met an old time professional friend at Oak Creek, a friend of Georgia days, and a chance to renew an acquaintance of the old times makes his outing especially enjoyable.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

The Boy Scouts will meet in the News office at 9 o'clock Saturday morning preparatory to taking a hike to the Bill Williams mountains.

Each boy who has a small canteen should bring it. Lunch will be provided by the Troop Committee.

PERSONAL & LOCAL

Mr. Chester Munson has been quite sick the past week.

Pictures frames made to order at Plummer's Cash Store.

Mr. Geo. McDougall is applying a coat of paint to his residence.

Phoenix milk and cream, Telephone 58. Albert Lebsch. tf.

Mr. W. W. Bass of Grand Canyon, was in Williams on business last Saturday.

Try a Lover's Delight, or a Bill Williams Special, at Lebsch's

Mrs. Haynes and son Raymond left last Friday to visit friends in the east.

Martin Buggeln is driving a new 32 Oakland purchased from Johnson & McConkey.

Mrs. Andy Smith visited Mr. Smith at the Saginaw & Manistee lumber camp one day last week.

Mr. Tanny Wolfe has accepted a position as deliveryman for Johnson & McConkey.

Mrs. R. Kennerdall visited friends in Maine, Ariz. for a couple of days last week.

Ed Emerson has left Johnson & McConkey's to take a position in the Sultana pool hall.

Mr. Pat Roman is having a concrete walk built in front of his property in the south part of town.

Mr. R. C. Wente is assisting in the bank during the absence of Mr. Munson who is on the sick list.

Mr. X. N. Steeves is remodeling his rental property on Sheridan Ave. He will install bath and toilet.

Mr. Spellmire of Babbitt & Polson's returned last Friday from a business trip to Bisbee, Tucson and other Arizona points.

Johnson & McConkey got in a carload of Oakland automobiles last week, consisting of 4 touring cars. 3 of the cars were sold.

Mr. Frank Polson returned Tuesday from Dodge City, Kansas, where he has been on a short visit. He reports a plenty of rain in that part of Kansas and crops looking fine.

Mrs. M. J. Flaharty and daughter left last Friday on No. 10 for Winslow to spend the summer with her son Arthur who is employed there by the Santa Fe R. Co.

Mr. Clifford Klock of the News staff visited the Stevens ranch at Pittman Valley last Sunday. Miss Nellie Smith was also a visitor at the ranch. She was spending a few days with Mrs. Stevens.

A fire alarm at 5:15 P. M. Tuesday caused Williams people to "sit up and take notice" but there proved to be no sufficient cause to call out the fire department. Someone got excited over a minor accident near the electric light plant.

Mr. Cris Reed of Stockton, Kansas came into Williams last Saturday on No. 9 to visit his son Frank for a few days. Frank Reed moved to Williams last October for the purpose of improving his health which had broken down under the strain of Kansas farming.

Mr. F. M. Gold accompanied by Messrs Bobby Burns, T. H. Cureton and M. J. Wells drove to Flagstaff, Monday, to listen to the lawyers' arguments before the jury in the Azbill case and meet old friends. They left Flag. on the return trip before the arguments were completed.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS MEETING

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday afternoon, June 20th, at the Gate way Club. All who are willing to assist in making Surgical Dressings will be most welcome.

Materials are greatly needed, linen and cotton, no matter how old and worn, old bed spreads and turkish towels, of any size whatever can be used. It is hoped there will be a generous response to the appeal of the Committee for this material.

Water Supply For Coconino

A Chicago company is engaged on a project to impound water in the crater of an extinct volcano north and west of Flagstaff and the San Francisco mountains. The company estimates that when full this crater will hold 135,000,000. By building up the lower side of the crater rim, a capacity of 350,000,000 can be secured. It is believed by the promoting company that all of Coconino County lying between the Santa Fe railroad and the Grand Canyon may be supplied with water by this project.

A Horse Buyer In Williams

A Mr. Word who is buying cavalry and artillery horses for the French government, was in Williams last Monday, looking up the prospects for buying a bunch of horses here. He left for Flagstaff the same day, but will be back to Williams June 29, when he will be on the market for horses.

Mr. Word wants all the horses he can get which are not under 15 hands and are not under five and not over ten years old. The prices which Mr. Word will offer will range from \$55 to \$90 for cavalry horses and from \$55 to \$125 for artillery horses.

Mr. Word tried to enlist Fred Holden in his horse-buying campaign, but Holden can not give time to it at present. From his knowledge of the supply of horses in the vicinity of Williams, Mr. Holden thinks that a buyer should be able to pick up a matter of 300 head, if he is not too exacting and his price is sufficiently liberal.

The improvements which Babbitt & Polson's have been making to their store are now, practically complete. A balcony has been built on both sides of the store-room and a new system of lighting has been installed. These improvements will add to business convenience and they will be appreciated by the patrons of the store.

J. R. Scantlin Goes to Glendale

Mr. J. R. Scantlin who was Cashier of the Williams State Bank until quite recently, has a position now with the Security State Bank of Glendale.

The Glendale bank has just opened up for business and Mr. Scantlin has the position of Cashier. Mr. Scantlin writes his Williams friends that the country around Glendale is prosperous and there is no question of the prosperity of the new bank.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Sunday, June 18.
10 A. M. Sunday School
11 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Wednesday, 8 P. M. Choir practice.

For quick reliable transfer service by truck see or phone W. J. Parker. Phone No. 43. 6-15-tf.

AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL TO GRAND CANYON

The first tourist machines to visit Grand Canyon this season, according to the garage record, arrived there on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. First came a Studebaker, from Hereford, Ariz., followed by a Stearns, from San Francisco, with a little old Ford from Los Angeles, a close third, all making the transcontinental journey eastward.

To date May 30th, 214 automobiles in all have stopped at the Grand Canyon garage; these machines carried 657 travelers, whose homes were in the following states: Colorado; California; Texas; Massachusetts; Connecticut; Kansas; Minnesota; Iowa; New Mexico; Michigan; Ohio; Oklahoma; Missouri; Nebraska; Illinois; Washington; Wisconsin; New York; Pennsylvania; Oregon; Sonora, Mexico; Indiana; Canton, China; Arizona; Nevada and Utah.

Among the different machines represented, the Fords of course, predominate, numbering 85, the balance comprises: Studebakers, Saxons, Chandlers, Overlands, Metz, Packards, Twin Sixes, Hupmobiles, Hudsons, Cadillacs and Cadillac Eights, Chalmers, Pierce-Arrows, White Trucks, Buicks, Big Sixes and Little Sixes, Flanders, Jefferys, Dodge, Maxwells, Allens, Hendersons, Robinson Special, Appersons, Carters, Regals, Moline-Knights, Oaklands, Oldsmobiles, Reos, Moon, Locomobile, Indian, Abbott-Detroit, Pullman, Stoddard-Dayton, Nationals, Wilton Sixes, Willys-Knight, Kissel-Kar, Chevrolet, Paige Eights and Stearns.

Many of the cars hauled trailers loaded with baggage and camping equipment. Some of the travelers were prepared to enjoy camp life to the fullest extent, being provided with easy chairs, ice-boxes and tents equipped with electric lights and electric fans.

134 cars were traveling east, 8 southward, and 72 were going west.

Fire Destroys Mexican's Home

Ramon Negritti, a Mexican living at the south end of Second street, lost two houses and a barn by fire early Monday morning. It is not known how the fire started, but it was well under way when the fire department got on the job. The elevation of the ground where the house was is considerable and a fire plug was not very convenient, so some time was lost in getting water onto the burning building. The fire boys succeeded, however, in preventing the further spread of the fire.

Negritti lost, besides his buildings, some household effects and a part of his flock of hens.

Meeting of Wool Growers

The annual meeting of The Arizona Wool Growers Association for the election of officers, an executive committee, and for such other business as may come before it, will be held in the court house at Flagstaff, Arizona, at 8:30 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, July the fifth, 1916. It is earnestly urged that all members be present, as well as, all sheep men in the State who are interested, or contemplate joining the association.

H. J. Gray President.
L. F. Verkamp, Secretary

The Saginaw Club Dance

The Saginaw Club, composed of Spanish young people, will give a dance in the Williams Opera House next Saturday night.

Attendance will be by invitation.

FOREST RESERVE AT WORK FOR WILLIAMS

The Forest Reserve is doing no little to keep Williams on the map as an up-to-date, progressive town.

The activities of the Boy Scouts have been supported by the Forest Reserve people who have provided teams for hauling rubbish gathered by the Scouts. In this way the work of the Scouts has resulted in a very much improved appearance of the Town.

The Forest Service does not stop with team work. A new dumping ground for Williams has been provided by the Service which will enable the Town to put its garbage out of sight and in a place that will relieve the Town of all possible insanitary consequences. A ravine west of Town and well to the right of the Ash Fork road has been selected and its use as a dumping ground for Williams garbage has been granted.

If Williams people will be careful to observe the rules governing the accumulation and disposal of garbage, and report violations of the rules by the thoughtless and careless, there can be no reasonable complaint on the part of sticklers for cleanliness and sanitation. Health and beauty will both be promoted.

The Forest Service proposes to be helpful, also, to campers who are traveling thru the country. Good camping grounds will be selected along the routes of travel and fireplaces will be constructed and receptacles for trash placed on the grounds for use of those who camp.

Notice

You are hereby notified by the Williams Town Council that an annual street tax of two dollars hereby levied on each and every able bodied male inhabitant not exempt by the laws of the State of Arizona, over the age of twenty one years and under the age of fifty years residing within the corporate limits of the town of Williams, according to ordinance No. 83 of said town.

Your street tax is now due and payable at the office of the town clerk or to Bobby Burns town tax collector.

Jerry Lee
Town Clerk

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The Catholic Ladies Dance

The Catholic ladies of Williams, will give a dance at the Williams opera house Friday evening, June 16. Admission by ticket \$1.00

AZBILL BROTHERS GUILTY

Williams men who went to Flagstaff to listen to the trial of Azbill brothers report a full house with ladies predominating. The speeches of the lawyers were good there was a lack of oratory. County Attorney Wilson's statement of the case was plain and convincing.

The result of the trial of the Azbill brothers for the murder of Henry O. Thomas of Peninsula, Ohio, was phoned to Williams Monday night. The jury was out one hour. The verdict was guilty of murder in the first degree with the death penalty.

Weren't you surprised at the ridiculous figure Roosevelt cut in the republican convention? His friends insisted that he would be strong and get the nomination after two or three ballots. On the third ballot, the ballot that nominated Hughes, Roosevelt had 18 votes.